

Ref: Director of The UK Water Partnership (UKWP) and Co-ordinator of the Research and Innovation Group (R&I) of the UKWP

Applications are invited for the post of a Director of The UK Water Partnership (UKWP) and Co-ordinator of the Research and Innovation Group (R&I) of the UKWP. The role is part time, involving 15 days per year for quarterly meetings and running the business; additional time is required to engage and network with members and the research community.

Job Specification

The scope of responsibilities includes the following:

- Organising and chairing four meetings a year of the Research and Innovation Group (R&I);
- Attending four Board Meetings and four Leadership Council Meetings a year of The UKWP (the majority of these are in London);
- Coordinating various projects undertaken by (R&I) and contributing to projects undertaken by the two other Working Groups of The UKWP - namely the Development and Implementation Group and the Commercialisation and Economic Growth Group (CEGG);
- Liaising, championing and supporting initiatives with Government agencies responsible for funding research and innovation, in particular the Research Councils and Innovate UK. Identify, with UKWP members, major challenges to the UK and global water security requiring research, innovation or more effective knowledge exchange.
- Provide direction and oversight to various Task Forces that may be led by the R&I group, previous example have include Water & Cities, Water & Agriculture;
- Support promotional and showcase activities on the capability and benefits of UK water research and innovation, including ongoing development of a web based Research and Testing Facilities Register and material for the UKWP web site;
- Work with the research community and other partners to identify training, education and skills needs to address identifies shortfalls;
- Support the planning and operational management of the UKWP with appropriate business skills.

Skills / Experience

Applicants will be expected to have:

- A keen interest in and enthusiasm for research and innovation, relevant to the water sector and capable of being implemented, to improve UK and global water security;
- A reasonable knowledge of the UK Water Sector research and innovation landscape (funding, universities, utility and industrial);
- An ability to act as an ambassador for the UKWP both generally and in seeking to raise financial support for the organisation.

Remuneration

The annual remuneration is £9,000 (before VAT). It is anticipated that the successful applicant will take up the position from mid - November 2018.

Applications (including CVs) are requested to be sent by email to David Vernon at david.vernon@theukwaterpartnership.com by 28th February 2018.